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Post 1008 Commanders Column

Comrades & Auxiliary members,

Well, it seems like sharing the holidays with family & friends has slipped by very quickly. Fundraising activities, donations, hall rentals and cost reduction changes are making a positive impact. **Our Post is doing GREAT!!**

“What has happened??”

1. **11/29: Rib dinner night:** A good turnout & terrific ribs. We made **\$160.00** in dinner donations. Thank you D. Kelley, T. Johnson & ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!
2. **11/30 & 12/01: Texas Hold'em Tournaments (B. Whitten):** We had a good turnout and total donations with gross bar were **\$2,888.75**. Thank you Bill, K. Ogg & ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!
3. **12/08: Army / Navy football game:** A good turnout with appropriate cheers & jeers as the Army ground pounders drug the midshipmen ashore for a big time whoopin!! **17 to 10.**
4. **12/08: Starduster's Big Band music:** Dick & Toni Johnson worked the door & helped host the event. We had a very good turnout with (69) dancers. Our dancers were swinging with the music as the band played (3) sets!! We made **\$158.00** in donations.
5. **12/09: CLAUS CAUSE:** Century 21 Bowling alley. The party, bowling, donations & prizes were terrific. Many needy children will receive some great toys for Christmas. Thank you Tom & Karla LaForge and ALL OUR POST VOLUNTEERS!!!
6. **12/12: Ann Arbor VA Hospital:** Visit by R. Coe, J. Coe & M. White to bring some camaraderie, Christmas prizes & Holiday cheer to the veterans. The Post & Auxiliary **donated \$200.00** for canteen books.
7. **12/15: Wreaths Across America:** At Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. We were well represented placing (20) wreaths on grave sites. Post & Auxiliary paid for wreaths **(\$300).**
8. **12/15: Food & Toy baskets:** Led by Chair B. Mutter, our volunteers handed out Post food baskets & Claus Cause Toy Bags to approximately **(70) families**. Thank you VOLUNTEERS!!
9. **01/01: New Year's Day:** We had a good crowd, excellent Bloody Mary's, plenty of snacks and all the football we could stand!!!
10. **01/05: Euchre Tournament (M. Adkins):** A good crowd of players for our first tournament. Total donations received were **\$380.00**. Thank you Mark, G. Smith & ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!
11. **01/06: PP / VOD / TOY Banquet:** New Baltimore, Post 7573. Our Post was well represented with standing room only. Mrs. D. Woods received an award for putting together the 5th District Program Book for the event.
12. **Newsletter (J. Kellner):** We need approximately \$4,000.00 to cover the cost for 2019. We need approximately (33) sponsors @ \$120.00 each to advertise their business card in our newsletter. **Please help find sponsors if you can.**
13. **HVAC Replacement Project:** As a result of our letter to membership requesting \$200.00 per year over (3) years and donations from local business, we have now received **\$9,719.00** in donations. **A great start!! If you have not done so already, please consider sending in a donation soon.**
14. **ALL – STATE PROGRAM:** We are on track to be an ALL – STATE Post again this year. We have just received recognition from the State Commander for achieving 100% membership.

WITH YOUR HELP, we are doing our best to continue being an **ALL-STATE POST** in Michigan. **Thank you!!**

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau

CLUB MANAGER REPORT

January will be our last Friday night birthday party. Unfortunately the idea just didn't fly. We are always looking for new venues to try in our clubroom, so if you think of something, let me know, don't just talk about it at the bar.

Beer always goes well with chili and hot dogs, soooo, on Feb. 9, at our Chili cook-off and hot dog bar you'll be able to grab a cold one for \$2.00. A fun Night just got better!

With Grand Slam tickets (big even is April 13) on sale we'll be doing the group ticket sign up in the clubroom again. Five sign a line for \$10 and everyone on the ticket shares in the winnings! Don't play well with others, bartenders will have tickets available for \$50 each. Remember, only 250 tickets will be sold!

Remember, you are what makes your club successful. The powers that be can try lots of ideas and changes to try to keep the doors open, but without your support we can't keep moving forward. You don't have to drink alcohol to come by and spend time with friends. We carry a large selection of sodas and you can play some Keno while you sip.

Looking forward to flip flop weather!!

Donna Kelley

Clubroom Manager

Younger Members Needed!

Membership is the life blood of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many of our members are getting up in age. Not many WWII Vets left. Korean Vets are close in age with the aforementioned group. Most Vietnam Vets are retired, or close to it. To remain a viable defender of earned veteran benefits, we must remain strong through many members. So, spread the word about the good works of the VFW.

To our future members: if you don't think the VFW can help you, do it for your fellow Vets that may be in desperate need of help from battlefield injuries to their physical and mental health.

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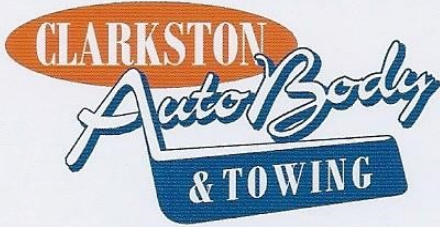
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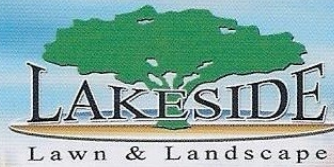
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Quartermaster's Report

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Pictures of our Christmas Baskets. They Were given to Over 70 needy Families.





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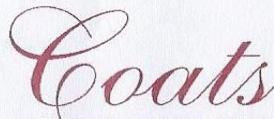
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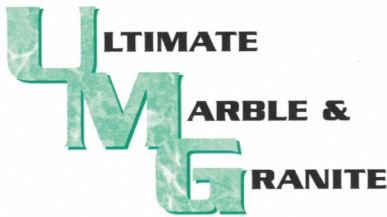
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Super Bowl Party 3:00 PM	4 Clubroom Closed	5 EUCHRE 7:30	6 HOUSE Warthogs	7 Dinner	8	9 Flag retire- ment Chili Cook Off Hot Dog Bar 5 to 7
10	11 Clubroom Closed OCC Cancelled	12 EUCHRE 7:30	13 BOARD	14 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE	15	16 .
17 5th District Eastpointe # 6782 10 PM	18 Clubroom Closed	19 EUCHRE 7:30 Rental	20 POST & AUX 7PM	21 AMERICAN LEGION	22 Texas Holem	23 Texas Holdem
24	25 Clubroom Closed	26 EUCHRE 7:30	27	28 DINNER		

MARCH - 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Clubroom Closed	5 EUCHRE 7:30	6 House	7	8	9
10	11 Clubroom Closed OCC 7:30 Southfield VfFW 2645	12 EUCHRE 7:30 Rental	13 Board	14 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE	15	16
17	18 Clubroom Closed	19 EUCHRE 7:30	20 Post & Aux 7:00	21 Grand Slam Early Bird 7 American Legion	22 Texas Holdem	23 Texas Holdem
24	25 Clubroom Closed SOA 7:30 WARREN 9021	26 EUCHERE 7:30	27	28	29	30 Volunteer Dinner
31 Rental						



Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Auxiliary News

The Holidays have come and gone, hope they were good for you and yours.

I would like to thank Karla and the great team that worked on making the kids in the community Christmas a whole lot better, we assisted 124 children (93 Veterans and 31 Community) to go with the Post-Christmas Baskets and 28 children from the Waterford Youth assistance "Bucket of Love" program.

Two Auxiliary members helped lay wreaths at Great Lakes Cemetery "Wreaths Across America".

Upcoming Events:

2/7 Thursday Night Dinner 5PM

2/17 5th District Meeting—Eastpointe

2/28 Thursday night Dinner 5PM

3/7 Thursday night Dinner 5PM

3/28 Thursday night Dinner 5PM

Judy Coe, President—Post 1008 Auxiliary

Honor Guard News

Nothing to report

Come join us at our Super Bowl Party

Post is open at 3 PM and the party starts at 4:30 PM

Sloppy Joe's & Chicken Wings supplied by the Post

Bring a dish to pass

50/50 Chance to win prizes Grand prize is a large screen TV

Large projection of the game shown in the hall

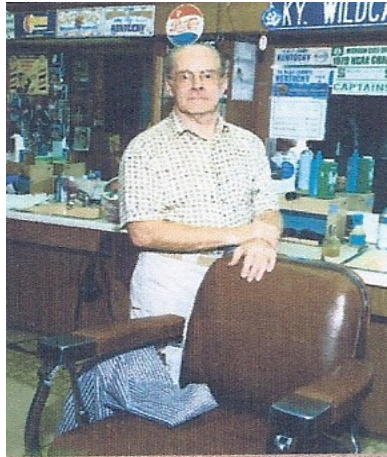


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Prospective members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Such occur the second Thursday at 1930 hours.

Don Roach



Service Officer Letter:

A new year and hopefully some improvements to the VA system. Those of you with active claims in progress may be encouraged, not by me, to go online and update information or even be asked to submit your claim to an online speedy system; taking your claim out of the hands of local County Veteran Affairs Officers. I sincerely hope you DO NOT do so. That is really unknown territory and will most likely delay or even eradicate the claim. Show me any correspondence you receive and I will see you get the latest intel on such.

The Board has put together a document that details how a veteran can request emergency financial aid. This is a multi-step process to be followed in sequence. It takes in account existing procedures at the State and County levels. Not to say Post 1008 won't consider every request. We want to be certain that veterans use the resources available to them at State and County first. After all, their pocket books are deeper than ours.

We are in for a lot of cold temperatures over the next weeks. If you know of a member or neighbor in need, pass the word. We can put together a food basket on short notice. I recently did so, surprising the recipient who thanked the Post most earnestly.

I have a Bi-County service officers meeting this week and will pass along any pertinent info I gather at our next general meeting. Again, thanks for all your support.

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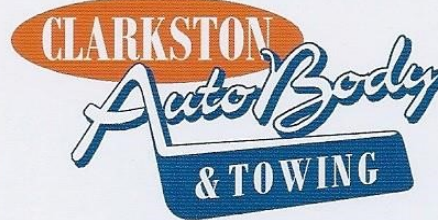


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